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VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, July 25, 2007	Department of Health Professions	Richmond, Virginia
CALL TO ORDER:	A Special Conference Committee of the Board was called to order at 2:00 p.m.	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Claudette Dalton, M.D., Chair Sandra A. Bell, M.D. Roderick B. Mathews, J.D.	
STAFF PRESENT:	Barbara Matusiak, M.D., Medical Review Coordinator Renee S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager Michelle Wilson, Adjudication Specialist	
OTHERS PRESENT:	Brenda Nuchols, R.N. (<i>on behalf of Dr. Pleasants</i>)	
MATTER SCHEDULED:	Gregory J. Pleasants, M.D.	License No.: 0101-036362 Case No.: 102384
PRELIMINARY MATTER:	Dr. Bell advised that she knew Dr. Pleasants as a medical colleague in the Richmond medical community. She advised that she could render a fair and impartial decision in this matter. Mr. Canaan noted no objections to Dr. Bell's continued participation and the remaining Board members noted no objections. Noting no objection and pursuant to her authority as Chair, Dr. Dalton ruled that Dr. Bell would participate in the informal conference.	
DISCUSSION:	Dr. Pleasants appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with a Notice of the Board dated March 16, 2007. Dr. Pleasants was represented by Gerald C. Canaan, II, Esquire. The Committee fully discussed the allegations in the Notice with Dr. Pleasants. Ms. Wilson requested that Allegation #2 be amended to exclude §54.1-2915.A(12) and Regulation 18 VAC-85-20-26.C since the regulation was not in effect in December 2003. Mr. Canaan noted no objections to this amendment in Allegation #2.	

Hearing no objections and pursuant to her authority as Chair, Dr. Dalton ruled that the Notice would be amended as requested by Ms. Wilson.

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CLOSED SESSION:

Upon a motion by Dr. Bell, and duly seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A(28) of the Code of Virginia, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Pleasants. Additionally, she moved that Dr. Matusiak and Ms. Dixon attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Board in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Upon a motion by Mr. Matthews, and duly seconded by Dr. Bell, the Committee voted to refer this matter to a formal hearing since it was unable to adjudicate this matter within the limits of its authority pursuant to §2.2-4019 of the Code.

VOTE:

The vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Committee adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

As provided by law this decision shall become a Final Order thirty (30) days after service of such Order on Dr. Pleasants, unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against him is received from Dr. Pleasant, within such time. If service of the Order is made by mail three (3) additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of the Special Conference Committee shall be vacated.

Claudette Dalton, M.D., Chair

William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director

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